

USS WISCONSIN CLOSES DUE TO EXTREME HEAT

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(NORFOLK, VIRGINIA) How Hot Is It Today? Hot enough to close the USS Wisconsin. Navy officials closed the ship to visitors at 1:00pm today when the outside temperature reached 100 degrees.

Today, the heat reflected from the teakwood deck of USS Wisconsin reached 120 F at approximately noon.

Officials expect the ship to reopen tomorrow. Summer hours for the battleship and museum are (Memorial Day to Labor Day), 10am to 6pm daily. The museum will stay open all day.

This ship and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum are free to the public. You can check the website are www.hrnnavy.mil <<http://www.hrnnavy.mil>> or call 322-2987.

The Hampton Roads Naval Museum is located on the second floor of Nauticus, The National Maritime Center and admission is free. For additional information and hours please call (757) 322-2987. Media interesting in covering this and would like to tape a segment from the ship should contact the public relations department at (757) 322-2986.